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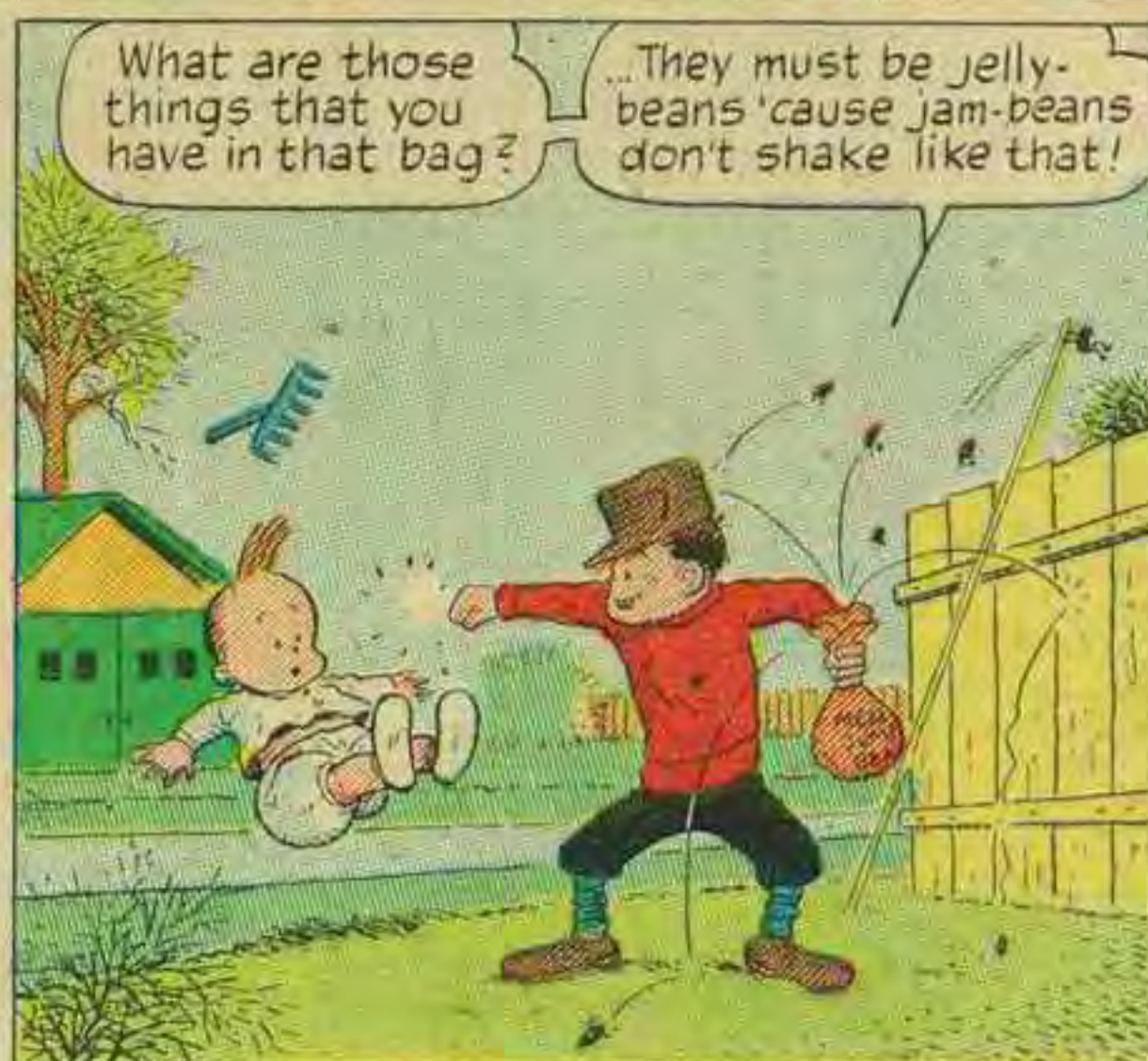


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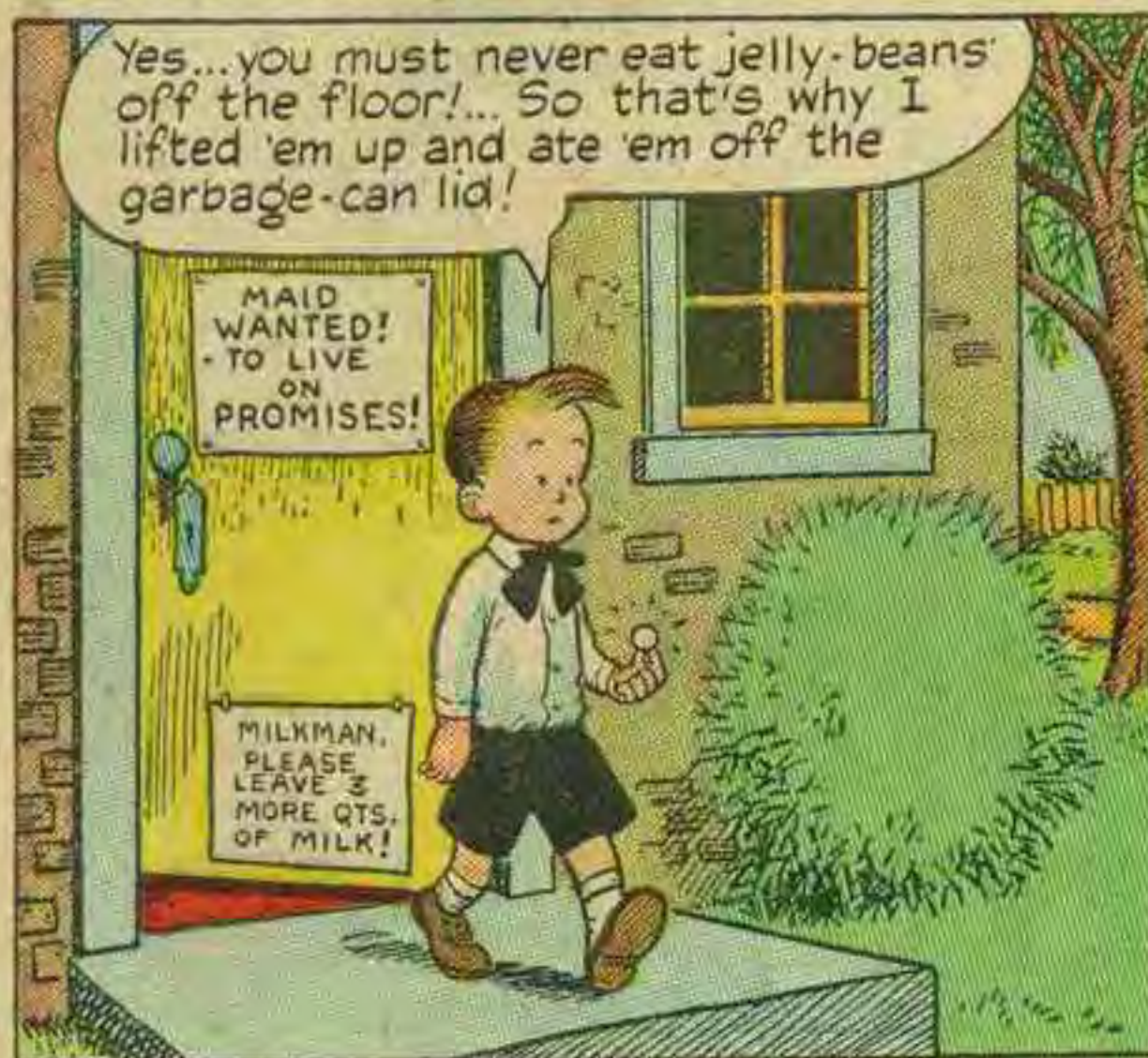
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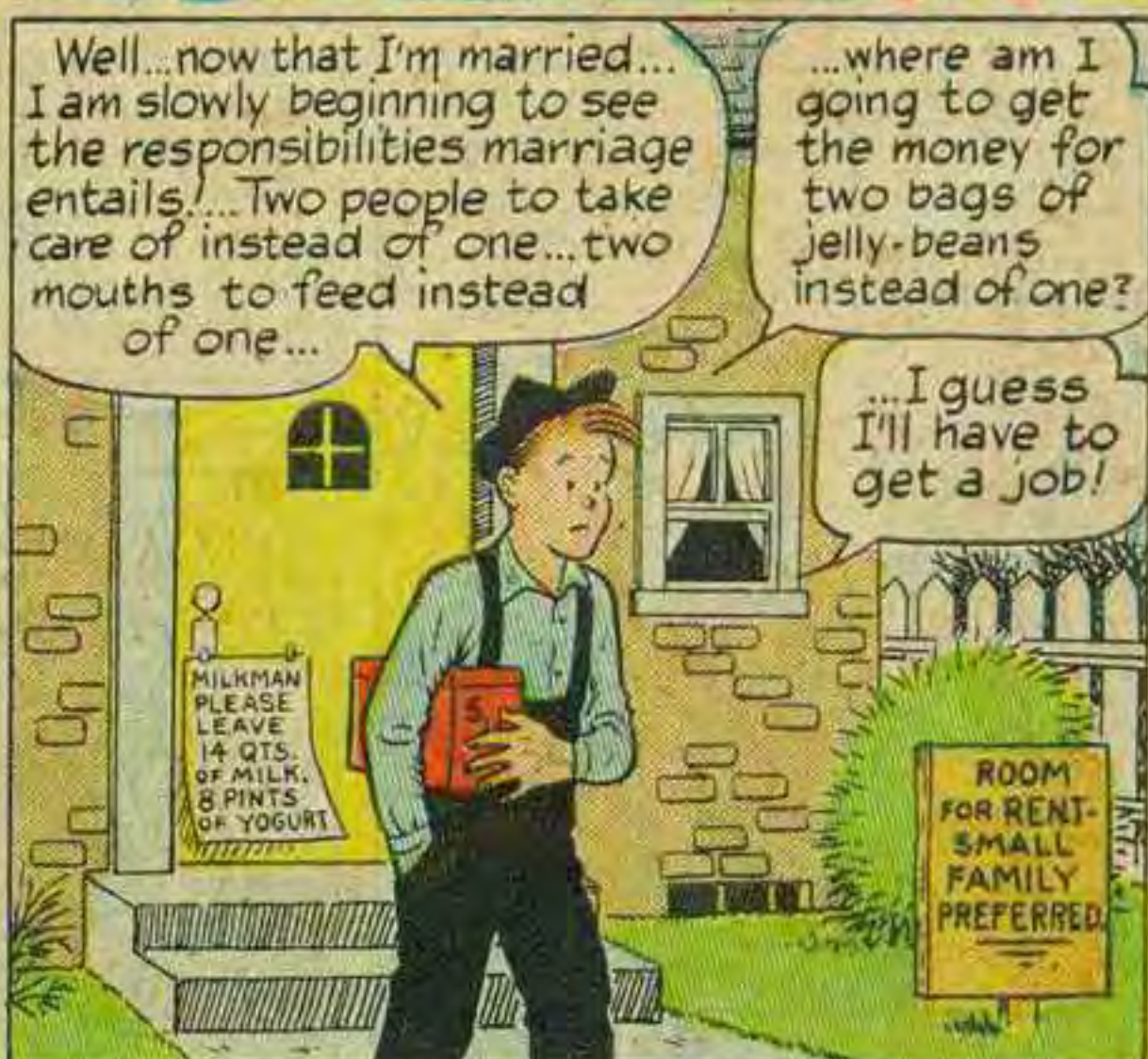
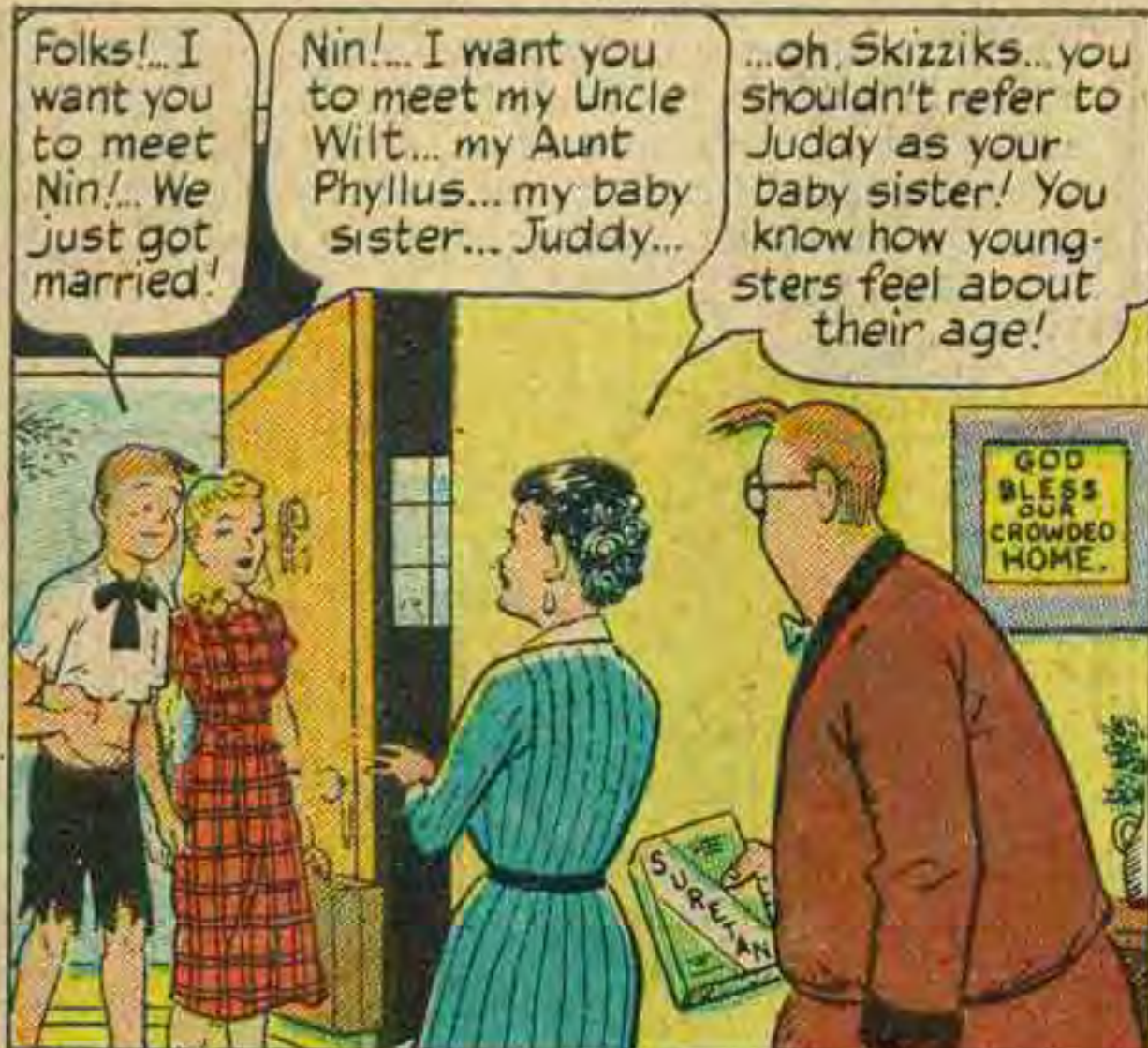












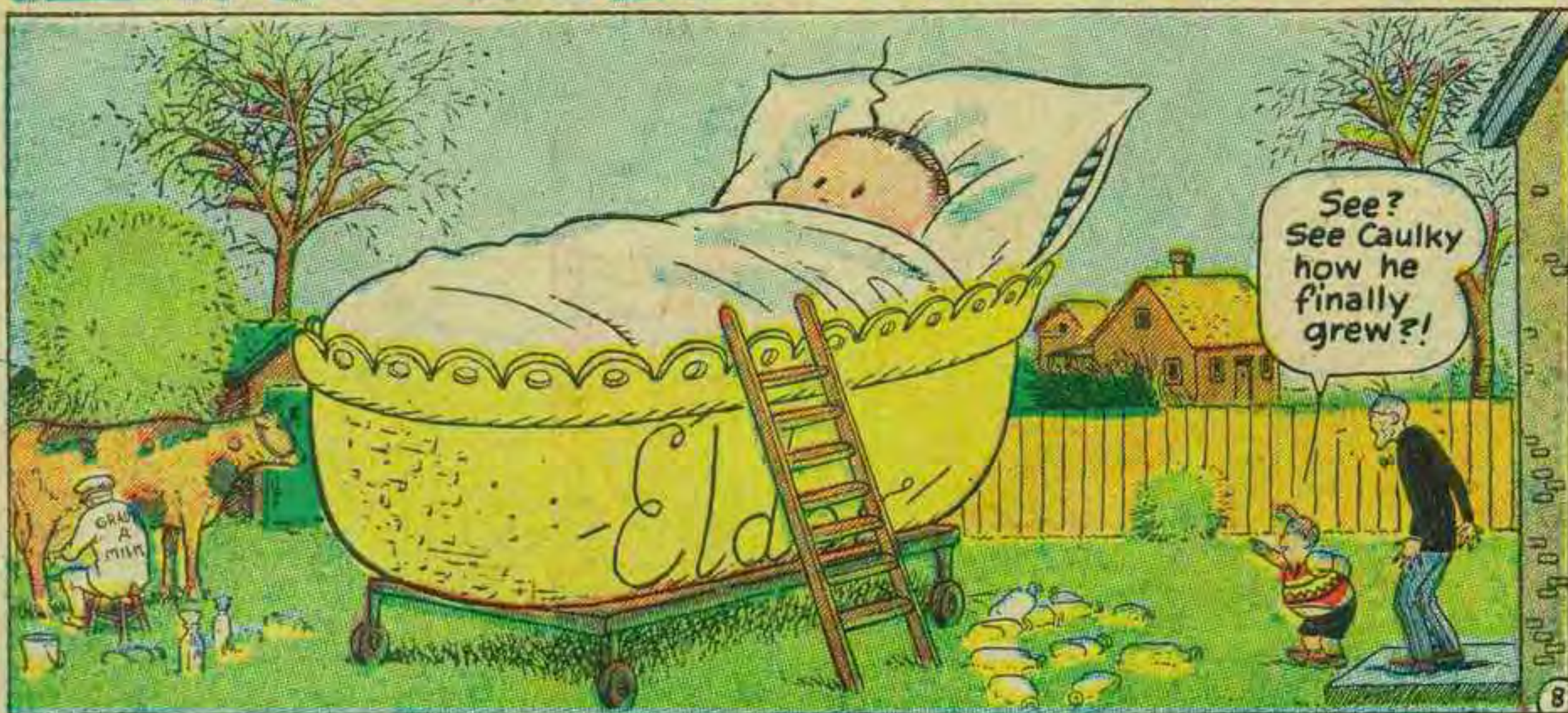














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 THE PAST HOW YOUR MANAGING EDITOR  
 HAS REPRINTED THE EARLY WORKS OF  
**HARVEY KURTZMAN**. WELL... IN THIS  
 ISSUE WE ARE REPRODUCING MORE  
 KURTZMAN WORK\* BECAUSE OF THE  
 ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE OF YOU  
 KURTZMAN FANS, BECAUSE WE THINK  
 THE NON-KURTZMAN FANS WILL ENJOY IT  
 AND MAINLY BECAUSE WE WERE LATE  
 AND HAD TO PAD FIVE PAGES OF SPACE  
 IN THE PINCH AND SO WE PRESENT...

# POT-SHOT

## PETE

Sheriff of  
 Yucca-  
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 Gulch!











YOU-UM CALLUM ME-UM? WHAT-UM YOU WANT-UM? UM?

HEY! INDIAN! CAH-MERE! PSST!



CAH-MERE, BUD! GOT SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU! SOMETHING HOT! CAH-MERE! CLOSER!



LOOK! HOT OFF THE BOAT! A NICE SHINY RIFLE! CHEAP! JUST FIFTY PIECES OF WAMPUM DOWN, AND FIFTY PIECES LATER, PAID OVER A TEN MONTH PERIOD!

THIS IS THE VARMINT WHO'S BEEN SMUGGLIN' RIFLES TO THE INJUNS!



I GOTTA BE MIGHTY KEERFUL! THIS VARMINT'S ARMED! AH, HE'S TURNING HIS BACK!

...THEN I GOT ANOTHER ITEM... A DANDY SUB-MACHINE GUN...



HIS BACK IS TURNED AN' BOTH HIS HANDS IS OCCUPIED! NOW IS MY CHANCE TO GIVE HIM A TASTE OF MY FAST DRAW!

BL-  
BLAM!



THE INJUNS HAVE SPOTTED ME! GOT TO THINK FAST! WHAT WOULD MUH HORSE, 'MUZZLE' DO IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS?

WO HOPPEN?

WO HOPPEN?

WO HOPPEN?



WO HOPPEN HERE, FELLA?

TIYO KIMOSAVEE! ME INJUN JUST LIKEUM YOU! ME KETCHUM WHITE FELLER POKING AROUND! ME GIVEUM TASTE OF MUH FAST DRAW!

WANNA PUFF ON-UM MY PEACE PIPE?



YOU MIGHTY FUNNY LOOKIN' INJUN!

ME INJUN! HONEST INJUN ME INJUN! WANNA PUFF ON PEACE PIPE? GOT SPECIAL RUM AND MAPLE TOBACCO!



EXCUSE-UM ME! ME LEFT WATER RUNNIN' IN WIGWAM!















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So here's my 50¢! So I could've joined for half the price a couple of months back! So now I get a bulletin subscription. So who says I want it. So I'm a sucker. So put me down and send me the stuff what the kid's wearing and the bulletin I don't want but I'm paying for...

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# MAD MUMBLINGS

Dear Editors,

(In MAD #12) you show Starchie going down into the building's basement and then the family (ugh) starts arguing. Next the neighbors start yelling as you can see them through the window. Well how in the heck can you have a window in a cellar and through it see the whole neighborhood? I demand an explanation!—John S. Davidson—Sparks, Nev.

*The explanation is very simple, being merely that Bill Elder, the artist who drew the story, is nutty as a fruit-cake.—Ed.*

... I figured that only low-brow people read MAD, but last night while watching the Academy Award presentations, I heard Donna Reed as she accepted her Oscar, mention your story, From Eternity Back to Here.—Charles W. Chapoton, Jr.—Aiken, S. C.

... It grieves me to have to write this letter, but it's necessary. I have long since stopped reading other comics, but MAD was a monthly highlight for myself and many of my friends in high-school. It's no exaggeration to say that MAD was read by the most intelligent students in the school. Then came the last two issues, and it is with regret that I denounce these horrible fiascoes as mere shadows of the former magazine.—Bob Hanning—Brooklyn, N. Y.

... Me gusta mucho MAD, pero una cosa me disturbe. ¿Que quiere decir 'Potrzebie'? Como no soy Ruso no puedo entender.—David Anderson—Washington, D. C.

... In Rōmā antiquā habitō, itaque MAD invenīre nōn saepe possum. Sed, operā magnā, MAD II cōnsequi potui. Nunc vōs inimīci mei estis! Dē āmentīā ferō! Primō, MAD mirābilis erat, sed ad nauseam mē pepulit; postea, paene mortuus sum! Ad Novam Yorkam moveō (quam primum). Cōnābiminine invenire mihi 'Insulam'? Vōbīs grātiās agō.—Daniel Markewich—New York, N. Y.—Post Scriptum: Domi āmentī incolō. He-he-he-he!

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*By George, these letters are getting harder to translate every day.—ed.*

... Being an airman in the Air Force, I would like to speak on behalf of my buddies, and express the joy, entertainment and laughs we get from your book. Just in case you're looking for an idea, I believe *your* views on 'A Day With K.P.' would be terrific.—A/3c L. Camel, U.S.A.F.—Bay St. Louis, Miss.

... Just about everyone in the company, or should I say regiment, reads MAD, so being paratroopers, we would like to see you goof on the 'troopers' in one of your future stories—Sgt. Victor Goff—82nd Airborne Div., Ft. Bragg, N. C.

... Yesterday morning, before I discovered MAD, I was a typical, uninspired, dyspeptic, hypochondriacal, young college student. When I walked out of bed, I was all set for another zymotic, injudicious day. I slid unenthusiastically down the bannister (or do I mean barrister?) on my pneumatic lawn-mower to breakfast. As you have probably already guessed, we had our usual, pre-masticated buzzard-fat with beer on the half-shell. Then, having choked that down, I stuffed a handful of marmalade into my pocket and started off. While splashing dyspeptically down 33 1/3 R.P.M. Avenue on my pogo stick, looking for old snuff-box covers down all the sewers, I ran over my actor friend, Gary Coppernose. I noticed that Gary was reading a subversive magazine called MAD, which I immediately recognized to be a cheap, slimy, anarchistic IMITATION of my uncle Egbert's magazine, НАМИ НЕОБЫКНОВЕННУЮ РАСКРЫВАЕТ ПЕРЕД, found at all better beer stores. Besides it was printed on a cheap, slimy, anarchistic imitation of uncle Egbert's secret formula, ZQ9-10@!/? parchment! Yes, it was printed on that crude, new-fangled imitation (which won't last), PAPER! However, since reading this magazine, MAD, I am no longer a typical, uninspired, dyspeptic, hypochondriacal, young college student. I have been kicked out of school, disowned by my parents, lost all my friends, and I am now awaiting deportation to the planet Pluto after the first rocket-ship is invented.—Walt Place—Detroit, Mich.

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**HOLLYWOOD DEPT.**!...NOTICE THE WAY THEY START SOME MOVIES NOWADAYS?...NO TITLE AT THE BEGINNING...THE MOVIE STARTS RIGHT IN WITH A SCENE...



...LIKE IN THIS PICTURE WE SAW THE OTHER MONTH, IT STARTS WITH NO TITLE, NO CREDITS, NO NOTHING!...JUST A SCENE OF A HIGHWAY STRETCHING WAY OUT...



...NOTHING ELSE!...JUST A HIGHWAY!...THAT'S HOW THE PICTURE STARTS!...FOR A HALF AN HOUR, JUST A HIGHWAY! BUT YOU KNOW, BY THE WAY THAT HIGHWAY GOES, SOMETHING'S COMING!



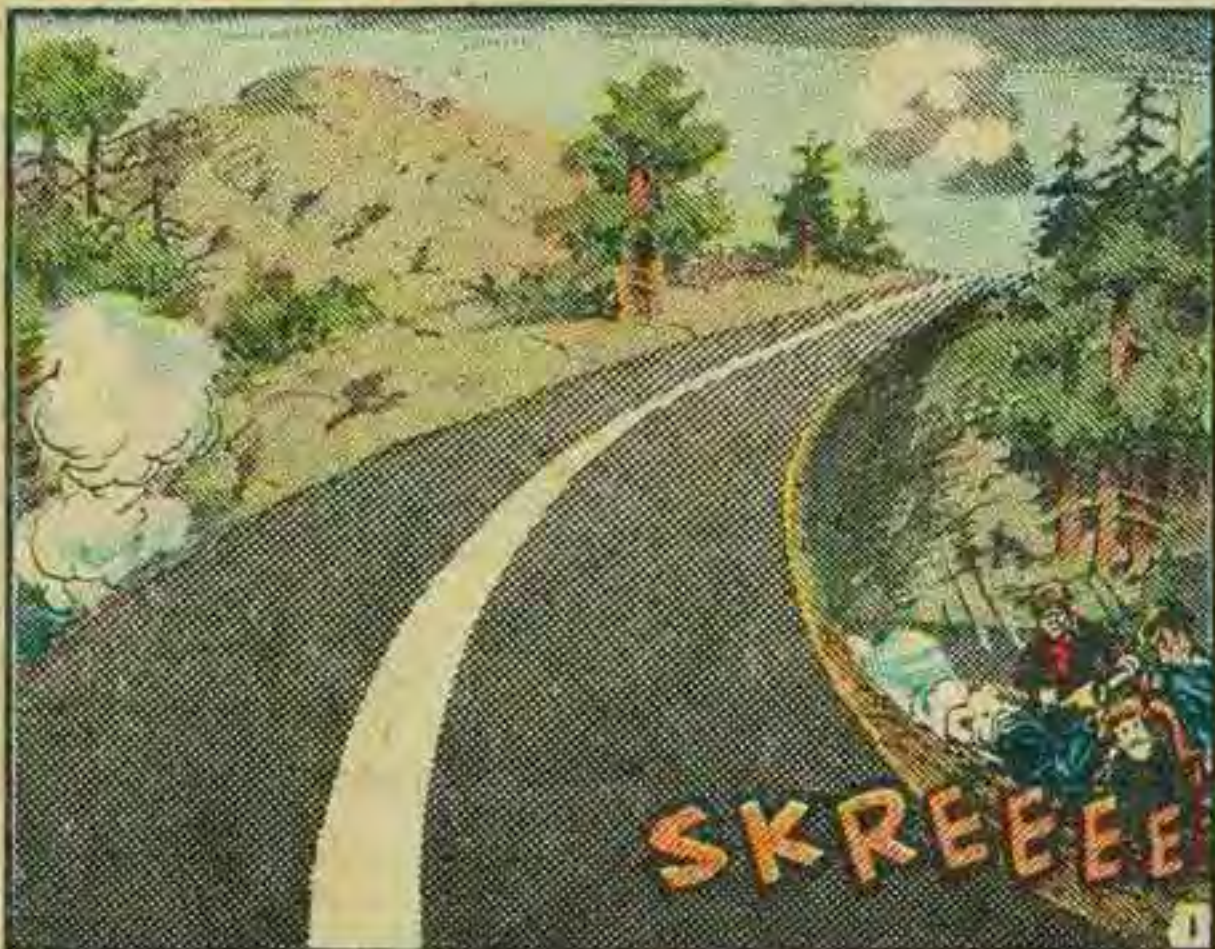
...YOU KNOW, BY THE WAY THAT HIGHWAY STRETCHES TO THE HORIZON, SOMETHING'S GOING TO COME DOWN THAT HIGHWAY! ...AND SURE ENOUGH...SOON YOU HEAR A NOISE!



...A FAINT ROAR COMING DOWN THE HIGHWAY! YOU LOOK TO SEE WHAT'S COMING DOWN THE HIGHWAY! LOUDER AND LOUDER...COMING DOWN THE HIGHWAY!...STILL...NOTHING ON THE HIGHWAY...HEY!



...WAIT A MINUTE!...YOU GUYS GOT THE WRONG HIGHWAY!...TAKE THEM MOTORCYCLES AND GO BACK AND COME UP THE RIGHT HIGHWAY!





O.K.!...SO HERE WE GO AGAIN! TRYING TO EXPLAIN HOW THIS MOVIE STARTS!...SO HERE'S THIS HIGHWAY AGAIN...NOTHING ON IT!...NOUGHT...ZERO...NONE...NOTHING!



...ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU HEAR A NOISE... AH, HERE THEY COME... A GROUP OF MOTORCYCLE RIDERS SPEEDING ALONG IN THE DISTANCE... **CLOSER... LOUDER... FASTER...**



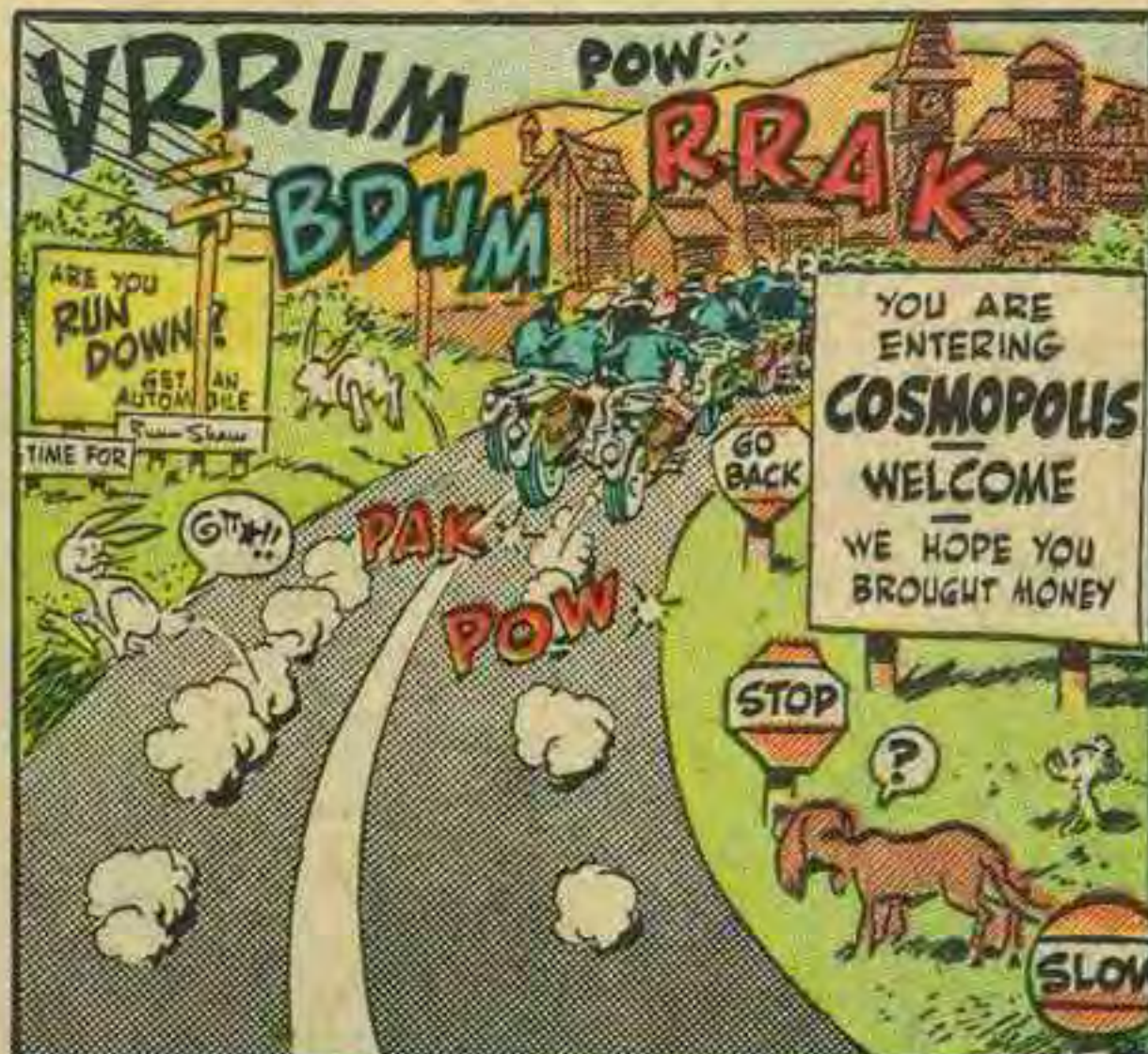
...THE SPEED BUILDS UP!... SOUND BUILDS UP!... THESE MOTORCYCLES ROAR RIGHT DOWN ON TOP OF YOU... SCARE YOU TO DEATH!... **WHAT A SCENE!**



...THEN THE CAMERA PANS ONTO THE LEADER OF THIS BUNCH OF MOTORCYCLE CRAZIES AND HERE'S HOW THEY SNEAK THE TITLE IN... SOMETHING LIKE THIS...







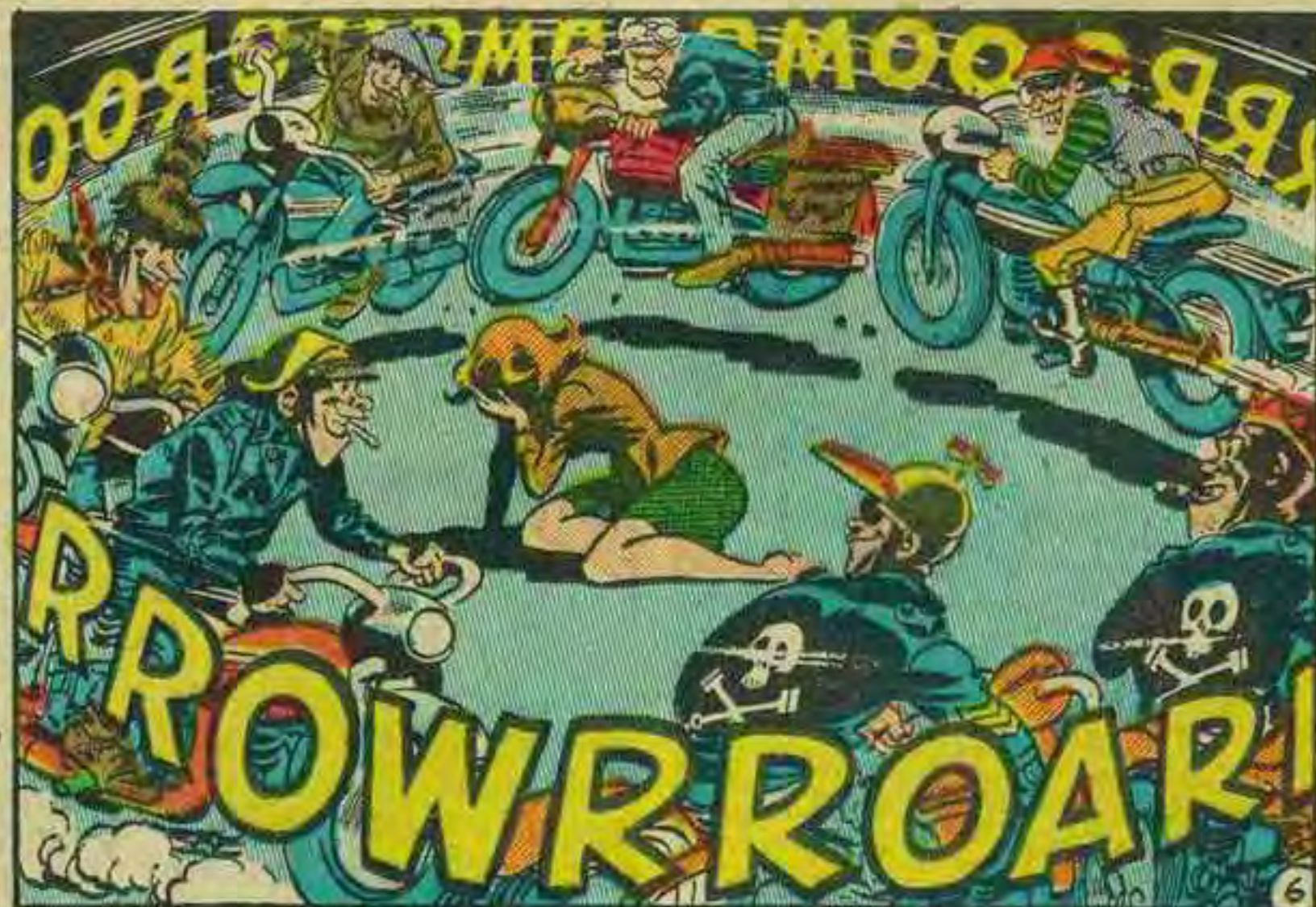








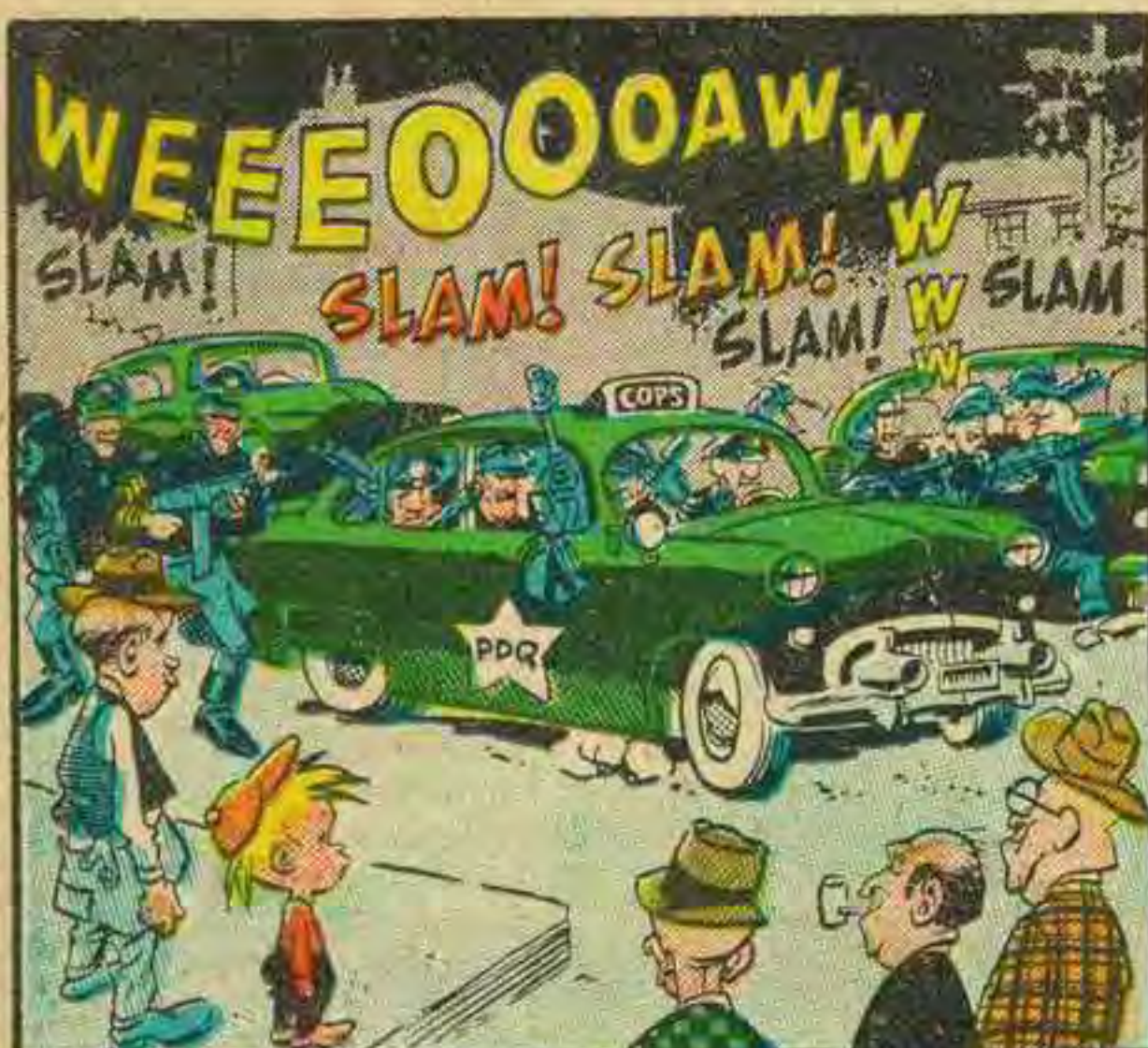












ALL RIGHT!... ALL RIGHT! WE HEARD SOME TROUBLE WAS GOING ON HERE! WE HEARD SOME MOTORCYCLE CRAZIES HAVE TAKEN OVER COSMOPOLIS! WE HEARD THEIR LEADER HATES COPS! WHERE IS HE?

...SHERIFF! WAIT A MINUTE! WAIT! WAIT!... THE MOTORCYCLE CRAZIES HAVE CHANGED!

...THEY BROKE INTO THE LAUNDRY... STOLE CLEAN CLOTHES AND THEY'VE CHANGED!



BUT THEN, JOHNNY, THE LEADER FELL IN LOVE WITH MY DAUGHTER! SHE CHANGED HIM!... HE DOESN'T LOOK FOR TROUBLE ANYMORE! THE TROUBLE'S RIGHT THERE WITH HIM AND HE DOESN'T HAVE TO LOOK!... HERE COMES JOHNNY NOW!



JOHNNY!... TELL THE SHERIFF HERE HOW YOU DON'T LOOK FOR TROUBLE ANY MORE!... TELL THE SHERIFF HOW YOU MET MY DAUGHTER AND FELL IN LOVE AND HOW THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW!... WHATAYA SAY, JOHNNY, BWAH!... WHATAYA SAY!



I HATE COPS!



...SOME POLICE CHIEF YOU ARE! NOW THEY'RE RIDING AWAY!... IF YOU SHOW THEM KIND YOU'RE SCARED... THEY RUN ALL OVER YOU!... YOU MUSTN'T SHOW THEM YOU'RE SCARED!... YOU MUSTN'T LET 'EM SEE YOU'RE SCARED!... JUST LET ME GET UP...

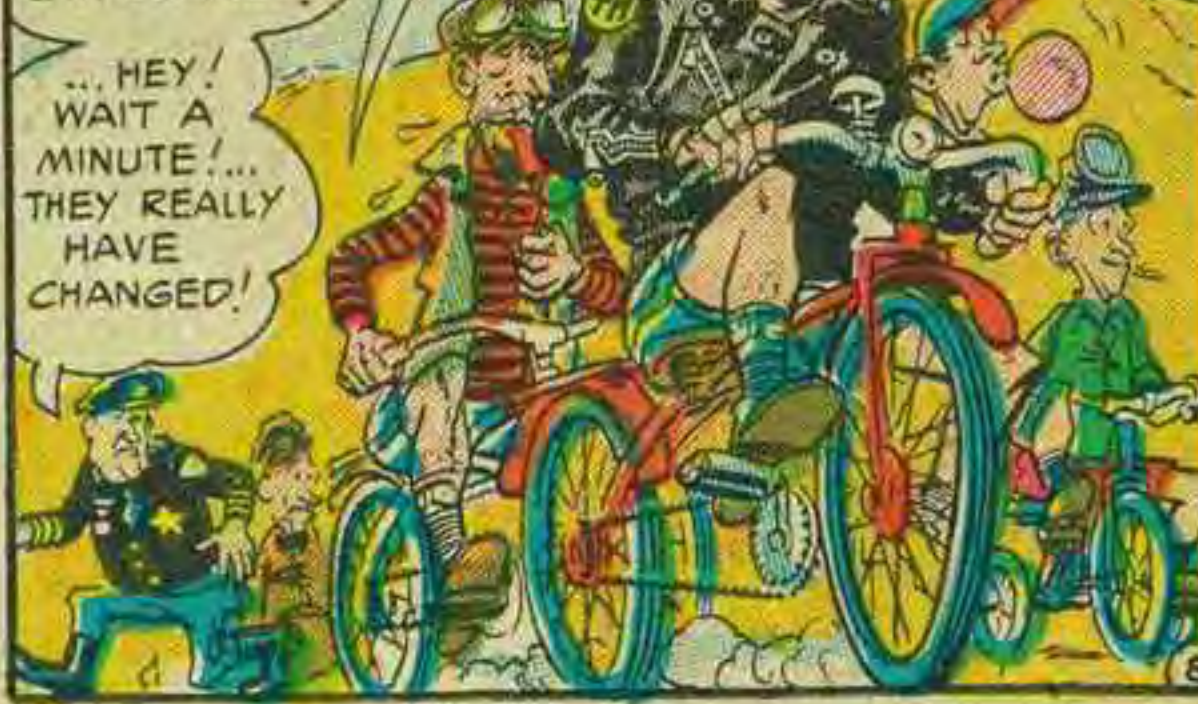
...WAIT, SHERIFF! WAIT WAIT! THINGS ARE DIFFERENT!... DON'T GET UP TO ARREST THEM 'CAUSE YOU'LL SEE IN A MINUTE THINGS ARE DIFFERENT AND THEY'VE CHANGED!



...WHO'S GETTING UP TO ARREST THEM? I'M GETTING UP TO GET OUT OF HERE SINCE I DON'T WANT TO LET 'EM SEE I'M SCARED!

...YES!... THE MOTORCYCLE CRAZIES ARE NOW BICYCLE CRAZIES!

...YOUTH HOSTEL... FORWARD!



...HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!... THEY REALLY HAVE CHANGED!



T.V. DEPT.: ARE YOU SICK OF TELEVISION? DO YOU WATCH TELEVISION FROM MORNING TILL NIGHT AND FINALLY, IN DESPERATION, YOU RUN OUT AND BUY A COMIC BOOK TO GET YOUR MIND OFF OF TELEVISION?... WELL, THIS STORY... FOR YOU READERS WHO ARE TRULY SICK OF SEEING TELEVISION, TELEVISION, TELEVISION... THIS STORY, WILL MAKE YOU SICKER, BECAUSE IT'S MORE ABOUT TELEVISION!... THIS STORY ABOUT...

# CAPTAIN TVIDEO!

...AND NOW, THE LATEST ADVENTURE, 'THE MISSING ARMS OF VENUS'... VENUS THE PLANET, THAT IS!

CAPTAIN TVIDEO IS **BLASTING OFF** TO SEE THE SPACE COMMISSIONER! IT IS MORNING!... HOWEVER IT LOOKS LIKE EVENING 'CAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE THE 'BRIGHT' CONTROL TURNED UP ENOUGH!



...A FEW MOMENTS LATER, CAPTAIN TVIDEO **BLASTS BACK ON** OUTSIDE THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE WHERE HE **BLASTS-IN** THROUGH THE DOOR AND **BLASTS-OUT**...



...WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY, CAPTAIN TVIDEO?... EH?... EH?... EH?... EH?

...HA!... I KNOW WHY I CAN'T HEAR YOU!... YOU'VE GOT YOUR 'ROCKET-RANGER' SPACE HELMET ON!













...AND SO... WITH THE IMMORTAL WORDS OF 'BLAST-OFF' ECHOING HOLLOWLY IN THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, THE SCENE FADES OUT...



...AND THE NEXT SCENE THAT FADES IN IS A BRAND NEW SCENE THAT TAKES PLACE IN CAPTAIN TVIDEO'S ROCKET SHIP!



...ACTUALLY, IT'S THE SAME OLD SCENE ONLY WITH A FRAME STUCK OVER TO LOOK LIKE IT'S A NEW SCENE IN A ROCKET SHIP!



...SCARED?... LISTEN, RANGER!... THERE HASN'T BEEN A SINGLE SOLDIER... A SINGLE HUMAN BEING... WHO... GOING INTO BATTLE... HAS NOT BEEN SCARED! AND SO... IN ANSWER TO WHETHER I, CAPT. TVIDEO AM SCARED... THE ANSWER IS... NO!... I'M NOT SCARED!



...ACTUALLY THE CASE WOULD BE QUITE HOPELESS!... HOWEVER I HAVE SOMETHING WITH WHICH I THINK I CAN OUTWIT THEIR SUPERIOR CIVILIZATION... OVERPOWER THEIR HIGHLY DEVELOPED ARMAMENT, AND REDUCE THEIR ABILITY TO OUTNUMBER US!... AND THAT THAT THING IS... THAT THING IS... IS...



...YES... IN A STUNNING PLASTIC FINISH DESIGNED TO FIT ANY FINGER!



...YOU'LL FIND OUT LATER IN THE PROGRAM, RANGER!... AND NOW, I PUT MY HAND TO THE BLAST-OFF IGNITOR SWITCH... NOW I GET READY TO TURN THE HANDLE... AND NOW...

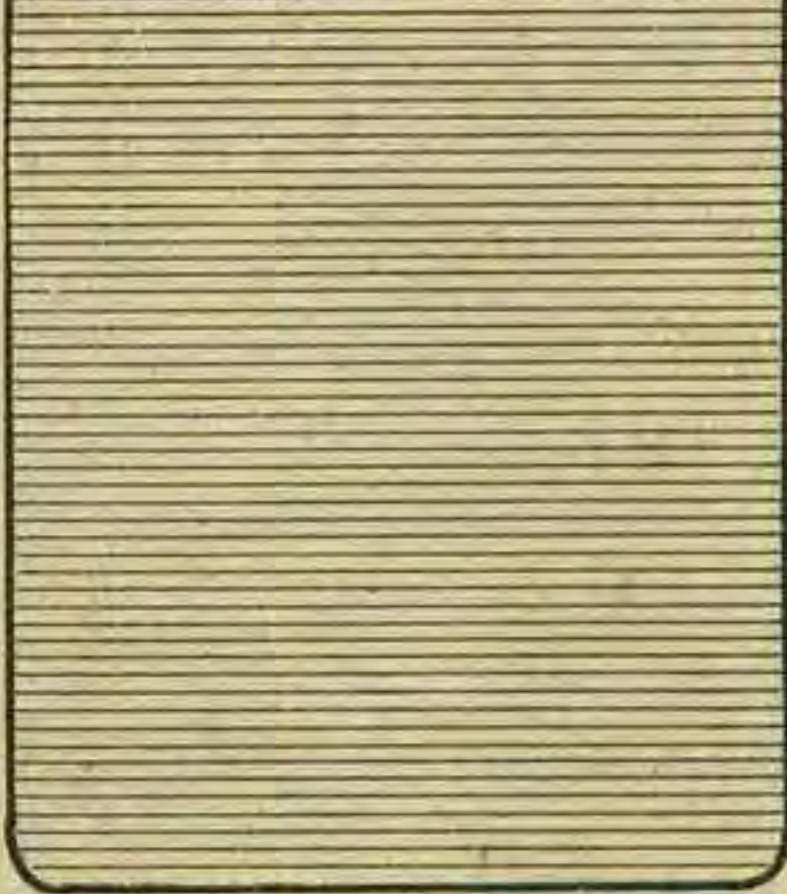




...AND SO... WITH THE ROAR OF THE STUDIO FIRE-HOSE ECHOING HOLLOWLY IN THE ROCKET SHIP, WE LEAVE CAPTAIN TVIDEO...



...LEAVE HIM FOR A MOMENT AS HE ROCKETS TOWARDS VENUS ARMED ONLY WITH THE 'ROCKET RANGER'S EMERGENCY RESCUE RING'...



...WHICH IS FINISHED IN STUNNING PLASTIC AND DESIGNED TO FIT ANY FINGER!... AND NOW...STAND BY FOR A VERY SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!



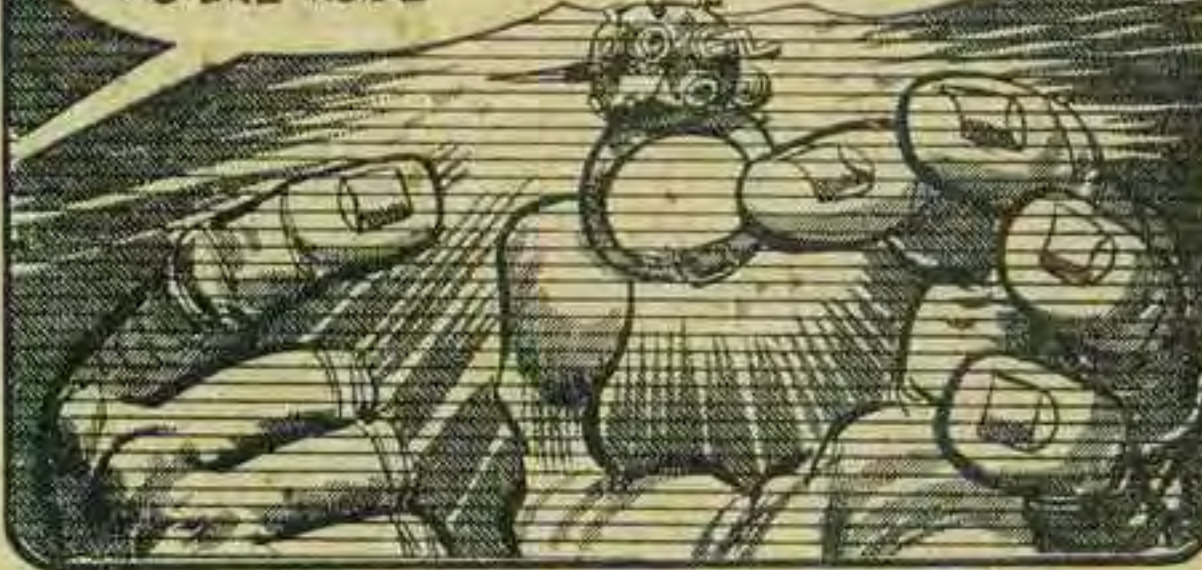
GANG!...REMEMBER THE SECRET 'ROCKET RANGER'S EMERGENCY RESCUE RING' THAT CAPTAIN TVIDEO IS GOING TO CONQUER VENUS WITH?... WELL NOW WE'VE GOT A **VERY SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** THAT MIGHT PROVE TO BE THE TURNING POINT IN YOUR LIFE!...AND THAT ANNOUNCEMENT IS...



...YOU...TOO  
...CAN... CON-  
QUER... VENUS!

YOU...CAN  
...GET...ONE...OF  
...CAPTAIN  
...TVIDEO'S  
...ROCKET  
RANGER'S  
EMERGENCY  
RESCUE  
RINGS!

...NOW THIS RING ISN'T ANY **ORDINARY** RING, GANG! FIRST OF ALL, LIKE WE SAID, IT'S STUNNING! IT'S GOT A HEAVY STONE ON TOP SO THAT WHEN YOU'RE IN A FIST FIGHT AND YOU HIT YOUR ENEMY ON THE HEAD WITH THE RING, IT ONLY **STUNS** HIM!... NOW, THAT'S NOT **ALL!** BESIDES HAVING A WHISTLE THAT CAPTAIN TVIDEO ALWAYS USES TO SIGNAL FOR HELP, A COMPASS, A MATCH TO LIGHT A FIRE AND A MAP OF THE U.S., THIS RING HAS A SECRET POINT THAT SPRINGS OUT...AND **TIPPED WITH POISON**, GANG! ALSO A LITTLE PEEK-HOLE WHERE YOU CAN SEE A CHEESECAKE PICTURE INSIDE!



NOW, GANG, WE'RE MAKING THIS OFFER FOR A VERY LIMITED TIME SO YOU BETTER ACT **NOW** BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T ACT **NOW**, YOU'LL MISS OUT ON THIS HERE OFFER WHICH CLOSES SOON... VERY SOON... AFTER A LIMITED TIME. SOON... SOMETIME IN EARLY 1958!



...NOW WE'RE GIVING THIS RING AWAY ABSOLUTELY FREE WITH THREE DOLLARS TO COVER THE COSTS OF HANDLING AND JUST TWO-HUNDRED WRAPPERS FROM '**GOOKY**' CANDY BARS!

...YES... '**GOOKY**' CANDY BARS... WITH THAT CRUNCHY-MUNCHY COVERING OF UNSHELLED SUN-FLOWER SEEDS... THAT SMOOTH MELLOW, TANGY GOLDEN CENTER OF SOFT, CHEWY RUBBER CEMENT... WITH THAT ZESTY TINGLING SALTY FLAVOR OF SALT SPRINKLED ON TOP... AND THE RICH, GREEN, SATISFYING COLOR OF 100% U.S. TESTED AND CERTIFIED ARTIFICIAL COLOR!



GET '**GOOKY**!' AND YOU WILL SAY, LIKE THOUSANDS OF OTHERS, "**OOOH! I GOT 'GOOKY'!**"



...NOW LET US LEAVE THE SIGHT OF A MAN CHEWING HAPPILY ON A 'GOOKY' BAR...THE SOUND OF TEETH MUNCHING INTO THE COVERING...



...CRACKLING INTO SUN-FLOWER SEED SHELLS, TWANGING MOMENTARILY ON RUBBER CEMENT!... LET US LEAVE THE SOUND OF REGURGITATING...

**K-KHOP  
TOOEY!**

...AND RETURN TO CAPTAIN TVIDEO, WHO...NOW BLASTING-OFF TO VENUS ...FACING THE MOST CRUCIAL HOUR OF HIS WHOLE LIFE...SAYS...



O.K., RANGER... WE'RE ALMOST TO VENUS! I'M VERY SATISFIED AT THE WAY YOU'VE HELPED ME CONTROL THIS SHIP... THE WAY YOU'VE KEPT GLUED TO THEM BUTTONS... ALL THROUGH THE TRIP... METHODICALLY CLICKING THOSE BUTTONS!... FOR HOURS... UNWAVERING ... CONSTANT... CLICKING, CLICKING THOSE BUTTONS!... AS TO YOUR DILIGENCE AND PERSEVERANCE, I CAN ONLY SAY ONE THING...

...QUIT CLICKING THOSE FARSHIMMELT BUTTONS FOR A MINUTE! YOU'RE DRIVING ME CRAZY!

...JUST A FEW MORE CLICKS, CAPTAIN, AND I'LL HAVE MY INCOME-TAX ALL FIGURED UP!



CIGARETTE, CAP? ...BY THE WAY! WHAT WILL YOUR STRATEGY BE EXACTLY, TO FIGHT THE VENUSIANS...TO PREVENT THEM FROM TAKING OVER EARTH?

...JUST WATCH, RANGER! THIS FLASHLIGHT, HERE, IS ACTUALLY A AIMER DEVICE CONNECTED TO A POWERFUL DEATH RAY IN THE NOSE OF THE ROCKET! I GET VENUS IN MY SIGHTS LIKE THIS AND **POW!**... I BLAST HER TO BITS!

...SAY, RANGER! ...I DIDN'T KNOW YOU SMOKED CIGARETTES!



...I DON'T SMOKE 'EM, CAP!... I EAT 'EM!

...YES...NOW THAT WE'RE COMING CLOSE TO VENUS... I WAIT TILL SHE'S IN THE CROSS HAIRS AND I PUSH THE BUTTON HERE AND **POW!**... TAKES COOL NERVES AND CONCENTRATION, SO I DON'T TOUCH CIGARETTES AND I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU DO!... EVERY ROCKET RANGER KNOWS CIGARETTES ARE NO GOOD WHEN YOU SMOKE 'EM OR EAT 'EM...

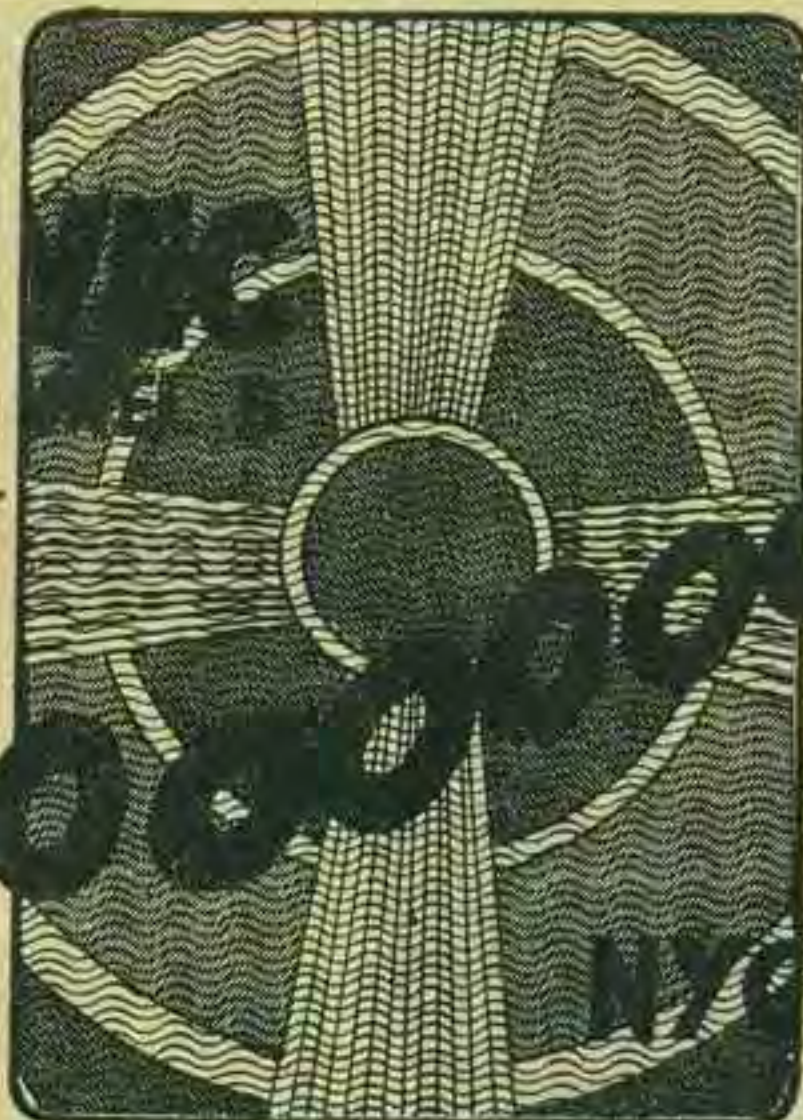
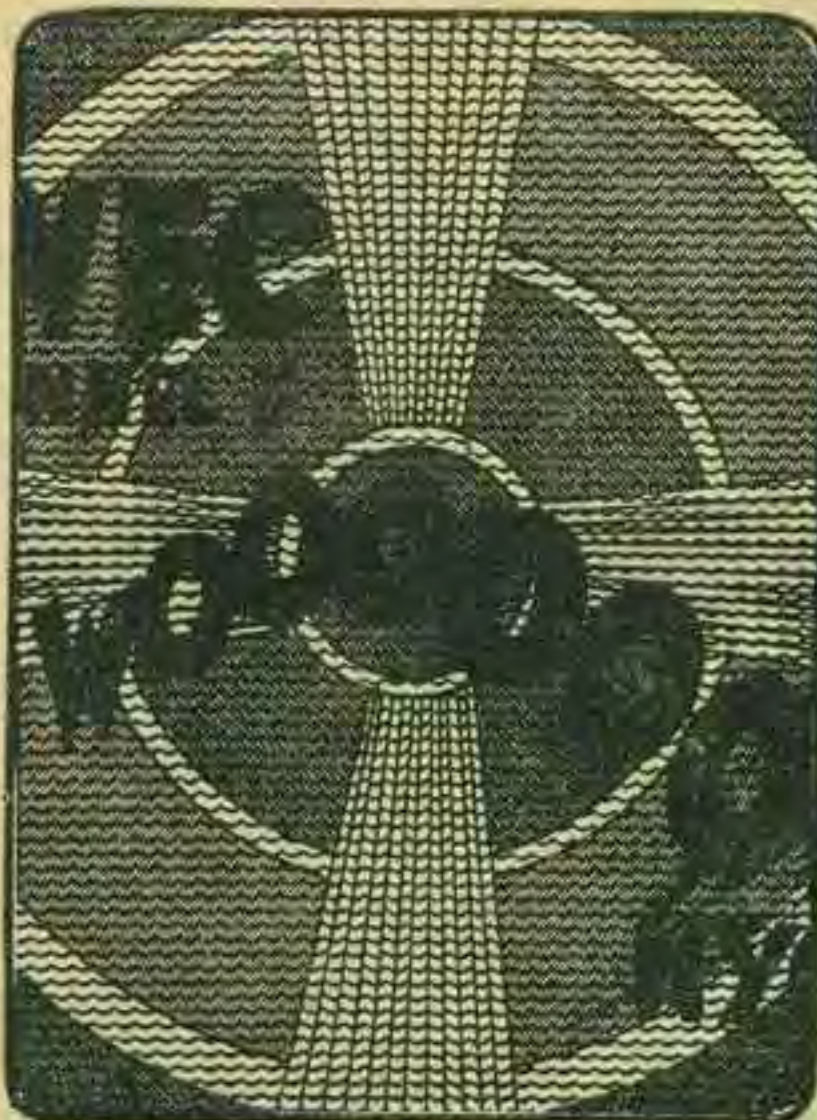
**...EAT  
'EM!**



...DIRTY UNAMERICAN ALIEN VENUSIAN DISGUISED IN A ROCKET-RANGERS BODY... YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO FOOL WITH CAPTAIN TVIDEO, THE FASTEST DRAW WITH THE NUCLEAR BLAST-OFF GUN! **TAKE THIS!**









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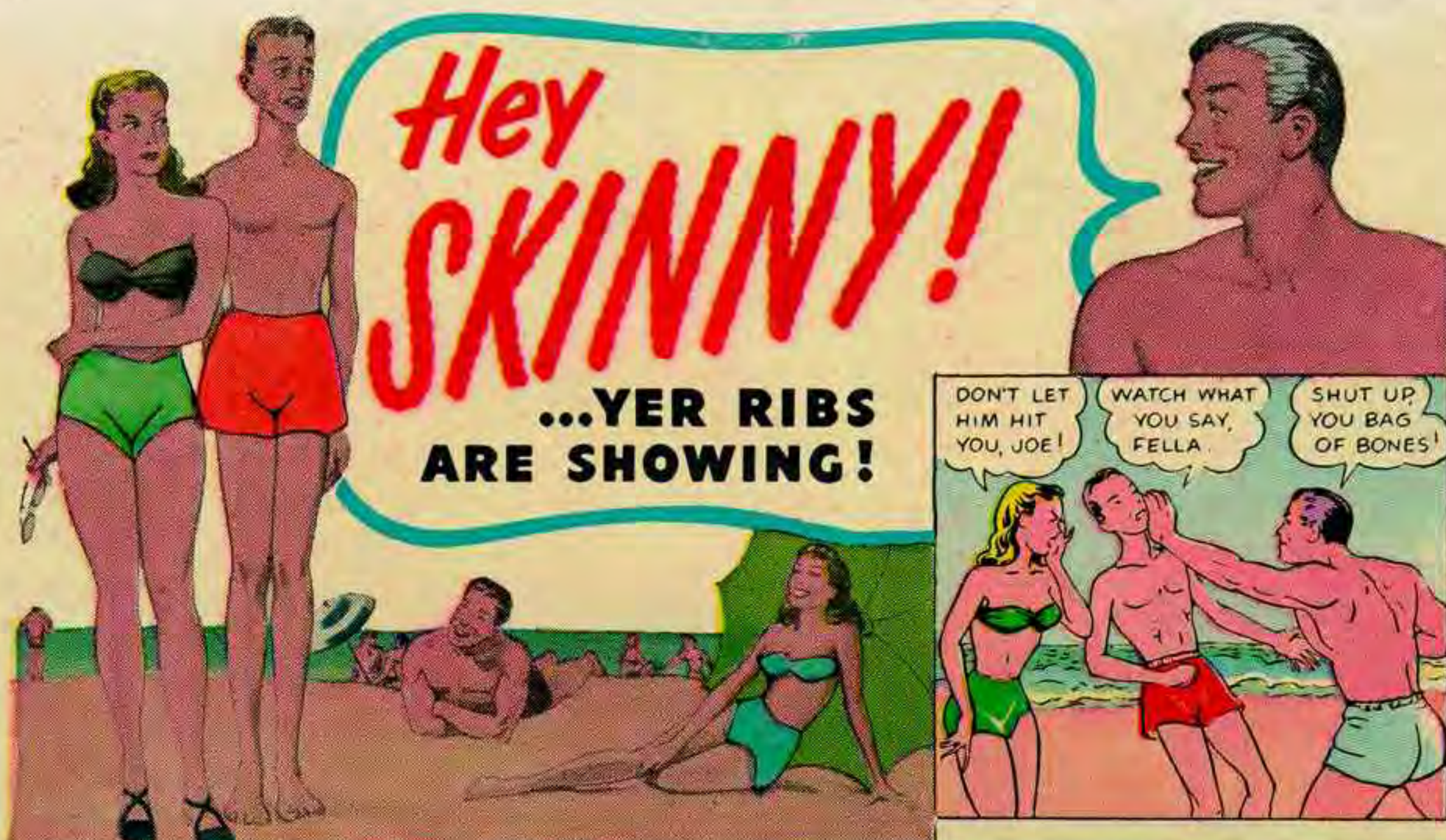
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